January 4, 1978

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Secretary, Joint Committee on Educational
Programs for Physician's Assistants
American Medical Association
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Dear Mac:

The attached report is a policy statement of the Executive Council of the North Carolina Medical Society, which was adopted by the Council on April 17, 1977, and approved by the North Carolina Medical Society House of Delegates at its 123rd Annual Session on May 7, 1977.

I call your attention to lines 46 through 75 of this report, which gives the reasons for the action of the North Carolina Medical Society in disapproving the Catawba Valley and Pitt Technical Institute's programs for the training of physician's assistants.

In addition, the Pitt County Medical Society, the local society in the county in which Pitt Technical Institute is located has voted its disapproval of this program. I believe that the action was unanimous.

I would like to request that you bring this information to the attention of the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation as it considers the status of these two programs.

Very truly yours,

E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D.

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Enclosure